

THE DAILY SHORT STORY

HOW THINGS CAN HAPPEN

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WHEN Alberta Randall announced to her parents one evening that she intended to break away from the well-beaten path of her female ancestors by adopting a career, the effect was much the same as if the rusty old Revolutionary cannon on the courthouse square had opened fire upon her native town of Mooresville.

"Now, daughter, no dramatics," said her father.

"I don't want to be dramatic, father, but I can't face the thought of doing for all the rest of my days the aimless things I've been doing since I left boarding school."

"Just what specific work do you propose to do for the rest of your days?" Her father's directness was disconcerting.

"I can't tell until I've seen more of the world, but I've got money enough left from what grandmother gave me to go to New York and look about until I can make up my mind."

"Alberta," began her mother, with barely enough breath left to gasp, "you would deliberately throw away a splendid matrimonial opportunity, for you know you could marry Lashley Graves tomorrow if you'd say the word. Why, the whole town knows that!"

"Yes, mother, the whole town knows everything that any one person in it knows; but if I marry I'll marry a man who is making things happen and not one who sits and talks of what some of his ancestors did."

"If you go off on this wild-goose chase, your chances to meet any sort of man except in a business way will be few and far between. Have you thought how you will be looked upon if you go alone to New York without a definite object?" Her father eyed her sternly.

"Yes, and I may take a course in applied arts. It will take only part of my time, and in my leisure I can decide upon my permanent work. Some day you'll be proud of me," she added lightly.

"Some day, about a month after you land in New York, you'll be good and glad to come home," said her father.

"Thomas," said Mrs. Randall, in dismay, "you don't intend to let her really attempt this impossible thing?"

"Yes, let her have a fling at her career; it's the surest cure for the fever," said Thomas Randall, with finality, as he resumed his reading.

The weeks passed until Alberta Randall had been in New York six months without her father's predicted coming true. After considering various fields in which she might realize her ambition to "make things happen," she had decided upon interior house decoration as the least doubtful and discouraging for one of her talents and trainings.

After a year's hard study, she began to plan a vacation at home before taking up headquarters in a studio building, but just then her services were sought by a firm of decorators whose approbation meant much to a beginner in the profession. They employed Alberta to furnish and decorate a modernized colonial country house from the spacious porches of which the Hudson was visible through the big trees in the park in front. She took hold of the work with enthusiasm and made a great success of the house, as well as of an old-fashioned flower garden on the grounds. Of the owner of the place she knew only what the head of the decorating firm had told her—that he was "a cranky bachelor with too many hobbies to bother with what he considered a woman's job."

When Alberta completed her work and started for a visit to her parents she could not restrain a sigh of regret at leaving the lovely house to its eccentric owner, who might not even appreciate its beauty.

"My dear child," said her mother, in greeting Alberta, "you are much the same, though changed, too." To Mrs. Randall a "career" seemed a vague means of transforming a woman into some unlovely hybrid.

"So you fooled your dad by making good in the melting pot, did you?" Her father was very plainly proud of her, which made Alberta very happy.

After dinner the family went out upon the front veranda, and from where Alberta sat she could see through the trees a low, white stucco building surrounded by a smooth lawn with its gravel walks bordered with petunias.

"Who had the ingenuity to make

such a beauty spot of that old vacant lot opposite Wellington's?" Her inquiry brought a twinkle into her father's eyes.

"So you are surprised that there are folks in sleepy old Mooresville who can make things happen, are you?"

"Yes, and also curious. Who built that house? It reminds me of a contented white cow standing in a shady pasture."

"It is one of the many gifts to our city from an enterprising young citizen. It is a resting place and general rendezvous for tired women shoppers from the country, or for visitors in town between trains. Since the old public square is being converted into a civic center this town is sought by the tourists." Mr. Randall chose to be non-committal.

"But who had the get-up to do such things in Mooresville, dad?"

"Nobody but your old friend, Lashley Graves," said her father quietly.

"And here he comes now to pay his respects to the prodigal."

Following her father's glance, Alberta saw Lashley Graves alight from a shining roadster at the curb. As he came up the walk she saw that he had changed greatly. A firmness of step and a steadiness of carriage had transferred his lazy nonchalance into a commanding dignity. She began to think he was altogether different, but when she looked into his eyes as he took her hand in greeting she knew that his feeling for her had not changed, and it was not an unpleasant discovery. A half an hour later, she coaxed him to take her in his car to see the new civic center and other improvements which were coming into being as a result of his activity and generosity.

"You've really accomplished wonders, Lashley!" exclaimed Alberta.

"Then thank yourself, Alberta. I've merely taken your tip to 'make things happen,'" said Lashley with a smile.

"Oh, how did you know I had said such unkind things?" A crimson blush accompanied this contrite question.

"Luckily for me, I overheard your remarks to your parents about me one evening, and withdrew my hand from your doorknob and went out into the night to face myself and see why you felt a contempt for me. When I reached home I found my great aunt had left me all her wealth. I told no one, but I went to see her lawyers. The day I returned you left for New York and I went to work to make something happen that you would think worth while."

Alberta kept her eyes downcast to avoid the gaze which she felt Lashley was turning upon her as the machine glided along a quiet and unobstructed street.

"But you, too, have accomplished wonders, Alberta," Lashley's voice became tender and ardent and pleading. "That place on the Hudson is a dream. I kept the identity of the owner from you so that you would carry out your own ideas entirely, for I dared to hope that you might some day consent to share home and happiness with me. Do you think that day will ever come, dear?"

"I believe it has come now," whispered Alberta, "for I don't know which I love more, you or that darling house on the Hudson."

Robert J. Johnson Dies at Rivesville

Robert J. Johnson, aged 42 years, died this morning at his home at Rivesville, after an illness with cancer. The deceased had been in failing health for some weeks and had been in a critical condition for the past two weeks. He is survived by his wife and two small sons. Mr. Carpenter was born in the state of Tennessee. He was a member of the Rivesville Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle and this organization will assist with the services.

The funeral will take place on Friday morning at ten o'clock from the residence and interment will be made in the Pharoah cemetery by Undertaker Eli Musgrave and Sons.

Swatting Impressions Still Present.

A Wisconsin savant says that a bald-headed man won't go crazy. But he is likely to come pretty close to in the season of unwatting flies.

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LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

Tetricks Have Big Reunion.

Seven hundred and fifty members of the Tetricks and Sturm families attended the annual reunion of the Tetricks family of this section Sunday at the Sturm school house at Viropa. It was an all day affair with a general handshaking, a sumptuous dinner and an interesting programme of speaking and music.

Short talks were given by E. J. Sturm, of Viropa; Jesse F. Sturm, of Sturm's Mills, Marion county; Asa Shinn, of Kansas and the Rev. Henderson M. Tetricks, of Tetricks Ridge, Marion county. Splendid readings were given by Misses Zella Short, of Shinnston, and Beulah Tetricks, of Enterprise, and musical numbers by several of the young men and women were much enjoyed. W. M. Hess, of Mannington, gave a history of the Sturm family.

The Rev. Henderson M. Tetricks, of Tetricks Ridge, was elected president; Enoch C. Tetricks, of Farmington, vice president; Miss Sybil Sturm, of Viropa, secretary; Charles A. Short, of Shinnston, treasurer; W. G. Tetricks, of Clarksburg, family historian; C. A. Short, of Shinnston; and James W. Tetricks and Isaac M. Tetricks, both of Enterprise, members of the advisory board and George A. Short, of Shinnston; Glen Millan, of Worthington; Dale Strother, of Wilsonburg; Leslie and Burton Tetricks, both of Shinnston, and Bernard Tetricks, of Enterprise, assistants to the advisory board. — Clarksburg Telegram.

Barnes Family Reunion.

The reunion of the Barnes family will be held at Traction Park on Thursday, September 5. All connections of the family are urged to be present as a delightful programme has been prepared for the occasion.

Miss Fitzwater Returns Home.

has a complimentary notice concerning the reading of Miss Beatrice Fitzwater, head of the department of expression of the Fairmont State Normal school, who with her mother had spent the past few weeks at the sanitarium there. The news says: "The guests and patients of the Sanitarium were favored with a very fine entertainment Thursday— evening in the north parlors of the main building. Miss Beatrice Fitzwater, of Buckhannon, W. Va., gave a number of miscellaneous readings and by her pleasing voice and charming manner, captivated the audience. She is an experienced reader, is a graduate of the Greeley School of New York city and is now a teacher of elocution in the Fairmont State Normal school."

Birthday Celebration.

Complimentary to their niece, Miss Marie Berline and in celebration of her birthday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hager entertained a number of young people in a delightful manner last evening at their home. Games featured the evening's entertainment and refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Helen Crowe and Verna Crowe, of Barrackville; Rhoda Matthews and Lillian Hoge, of Morgantown; Mary Vaughn, Bessie Hager, Essie Vaughn, Eunice and Zoe Murphy, Ruth Berline, Katherine Anama, Mary Hager, Messrs. Harry Jordan, Frank Jordan, Hermis Goodnight, Howard Crowe, the latter of Barrackville.

To Visit Friends.

Mrs. W. J. Wiegand and daughter, Miss Mary Moulds Hurs, left this morning for Pittsburgh. Mrs. Wiegand will visit relatives in Pittsburgh and Miss Hurs will go on to Northeaston Lake Erie, where she will be the guest of Miss Betty Fowles.

DEATH OF BABY DAUGHTER.

Kathleen Davis age thirteen months daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orr Davis died at the home of her parents at Millersville last evening. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at two o'clock from the house and interment will be made in Maple Grove cemetery by Undertaker Fred Jenkins.

Natural Love.

The love of book is a love which requires neither justification, apology nor defense.

To Play Here.

Miss Elizabeth Knight and Miss Caroline Staunton will be among the Charlestonians who will play in the tennis tournament at the Fairmont Country Club that begins September 4.—Charleston Post.

Miss Jongers Attends House Party.

Miss Louise Jongers, of New York city, who had been the guest of Miss Edith Hartman at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hartman, on Benoni avenue, has gone to Lancaster, Pa., where she is a guest at a house party. Miss Katherine Mott, of Pittsburgh, Miss Hartman's other guest, will remain here during this week. The young ladies have been extensively entertained during their stay in this city.

Corapolis Event.

Mrs. Mansfield Ross, of Rosewood, Corapolis, gave a luncheon of 27 covers yesterday at her home, Rosewood, in honor of her house guests, Miss Edith and Miss Hazel Frey, of Fairmont, W. Va. The dining room was attractively decorated in Japanese lilies; white ferns and garden flowers were used in the drawing room and on the verandas. The table appointments were in pink and white.

Miss Edith Frey wore a frock of white lace, while her sister appeared in turquoise crepe de chene. Mrs. Ross wore a white lingerie dress. Needlework and bridge followed the luncheon. Among the out-of-town guests was Miss Carol Powell, of Fairmont, who is returning from Cornell, where she has been a student of music.—Pittsburgh Gazette Times.

PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Gilkeson has returned from Davis, W. Va., where she had been visiting relatives.

Miss Sarah Dunn Knight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Knight, has returned from a visit at Fairchance, Pa.

Miss Anna Cruise left this morning for a visit at Grafton, Tunnelton and Cumberland, Md.

Charles Hennen, of this city, is visiting relatives in Huntington and will later visit his uncles, Ralph and Fred Wilfong at Beckley.

Wilbur Hennen has returned from a visit with relatives in Pittsburgh.

Fred Watkins, Misses Lulu Davis and Grace Helmick have returned from a visit to Atlantic City and Cumberland, Md.

Judge M. S. Raymond left yesterday for Battle Creek, Mich., where he will spend several weeks. Mrs. Raymond will join him there later.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shurtliff left this morning for a few days' visit to Webster Springs.

Mrs. Catherine Cady, mother of Thomas Cady, who had the misfortune to fall recently and break her hip, is in a critical condition at her home at Watons and it is not thought she will survive long. Mrs. Cady was a patient at Cook hospital for several weeks, and was only recently taken to her home. She took a turn for the worse yesterday and owing to her age, it is not thought probable she will recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bayles, of Uniontown, Pa., are guests this week of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Howard.

Miss Louise Conn, who had been the guest of relatives at Point Marion, returned home on Monday. Miss Dorothy Howard, who was also at Point Marion, returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Walter Shaw and children, of McKeesport, Pa., who are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Musgrave, spent today as the guests of Ed. Carpenter at Barrackville. They will return to their home the latter part of the week.

Eugene Nuzum, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., has returned here from a visit with relatives at Dover, Del. He will remain here for a while as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Smith. Miss Julia Nuzum and Eugene Nuzum will remain in Dover for some time.

Mrs. A. L. Pickering, of Rowelsburg, is the guest of relatives in this city. W. A. and C. E. Hamilton, of Richmond, are in the city attending the Fair.

Lines to Be Remembered.

The world deals good-naturedly with good-natured people.—Thackeray.

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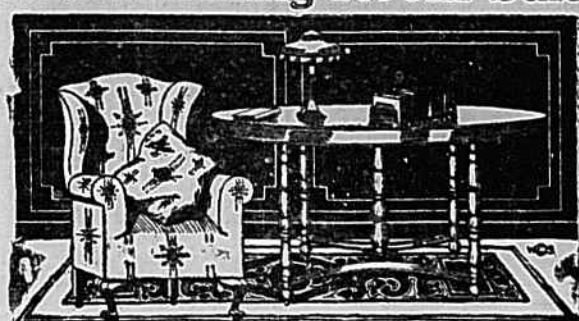
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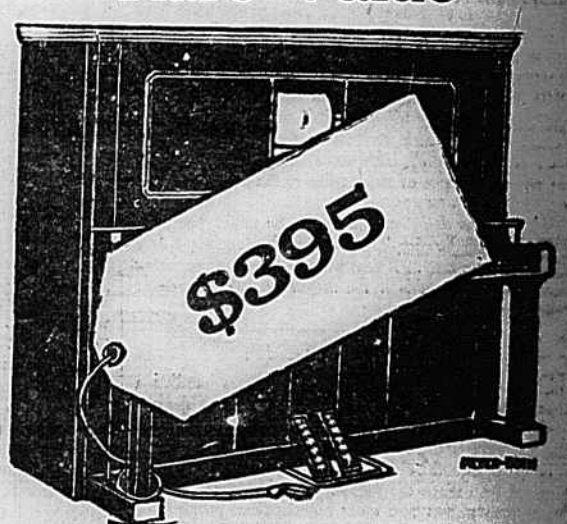
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